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QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

Letter dated 21 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on East Timor, issued at Lisbon and Brussels on 13 February 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 103 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Fernando REINO
Ambassador of Portugal
Permanent Representative to the
United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement on East Timor issued by the European Community and its member States on 13 February 1992

The Community and its member States, recalling their declarations issued on 13 November and 3 December 1991 on the violent incident that occurred in Dili on 12 November, have continued to follow very closely the situation in East Timor.

The Community and its member States are encouraged by the prompt response that the summary report of the National Investigation Commission elicited from the highest Indonesian authorities, especially their criticism of the actions of the armed forces and the decision to dismiss the two senior commanders responsible for East Timor and to proceed with further investigation into the actions of the armed forces on 12 November and into the fate of those unaccounted for. They welcome the condolences expressed by the President of the Republic of Indonesia to the people of East Timor and his commitment that such an incident must not happen again.

Although they view favourably these developments, expressing the hope that they will be followed by concrete and effective steps to improve significantly the human rights situation in East Timor, the Community and its member States remain concerned about other aspects of this question. Referring to the measures already taken by the Government of Indoensia, they hope that further investigations will result in all those responsible being identified and, where appropriate, disciplined or brought to trial, and that the investigations will also produce clear information about the number killed and the fate of those still missing.

They welcome the involvement of the United Nations in this process and the appointment of Mr. Amos Wako, as the personal representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to undertake a visit to Indonesia and to East Timor in order to obtain clarifications on the tragic events of 12 November, and they look forward to a report on his visit. They note with satisfaction that the Indonesian authorities have indicated their willingness to cooperate fully with him.

The Community and its member States call on the Indonesian authorities to ensure that all the East Timorese arrested on the occasion of the Dili shooting are treated humanely, that those not involved in violent activities are released without delay and that those brought to court are assured of proper legal representation and fair trials.

The Community and its member States support the endeavours by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to achieve a just, comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement of the question of East Timor, with full respect for the legitimate interests and aspirations of the East Timorese. They support the start of a dialogue without preconditions between Portugal and Indonesia under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary-General, as contained in the constructive Portuguese proposal.

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Letter dated 21 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Algerian Government is following with profound concern the course of events in Yugoslavia, and particularly the current serious developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The fate in store for the people of this newly independent country is daily being reflected in the loss of countless human lives, enormous material destruction and a vast exodus of the civilian population under dramatic circumstances.

Algeria, which has always maintained the best relations of friendship and cooperation with Yugoslavia, had adopted an attitude of great restraint in this matter, in the hope that reason and wisdom would ultimately prevail, in the legitimate interests of all the peoples of Yugoslavia.

Unfortunately, and despite the commendable efforts of the European Community in conjunction with the mission of the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, recent developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina reflect, on the contrary, a serious deterioration of the situation that gives the conflict dimensions which are unacceptable both in human terms and politically.

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Accordingly, Algeria would like the Security Council to reconsider the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina on an urgent basis, and the United Nations to take as rapidly as possible, in the context of the action already initiated in Yugoslavia, appropriate concrete measures, particularly through UNPROFOR, with a view to putting an end to the tragedy being experienced by the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina and enabling the peoples of Yugoslavia to find a peaceful solution to the disputes that are dividing them.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Messaoud AIT CHAALAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 22 April 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Declaration of the Government of the Republic of Albania (annex) on the recognition of the independence of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

I would very much appreciate it if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sokol NECAJ
Chargé d'affaires

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ANNEX

Statement of the Government of the Republic of Albania on the recognition of the independence of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina

The Government of the Republic of Albania, respecting the right of the peoples for self-determination, based on the fundamental principles embodied in the Final Act of Helsinki, in the Charter of Paris, in the other documents of CSCE, as well as in the implementation of its good neighbourliness policy, declares that it recognizes the independence of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The further approach in the establishment of diplomatic relations with this sovereign and independent State will be according to the bilateral relations basis.

The Albanian people and Government, hailing this significant event for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina, at the same time express their conviction that the creation of this new and independent State will contribute in the solution of Yugoslav crisis, it will serve the relaxation of the situation and other confrontations in the former Yugoslavia will not be incited. They are also confident that the new and independent State of Bosnia-Herzegovina will make a contribution to the maintenance of peace and stability in the Balkans.

On this occasion, the Government of the Republic of Albania wishes to remind the whole democratic world, especially Europe and the United States of America, to powerfully contribute in the solution of the just demands of the Albanians living in their own territories in former Yugoslavia, to make them equal among the European Community, thus putting an end forever to the injustices committed at their expense.